GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3124
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EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN TRAVEL BY OFFICIALS
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether expenditure on foreign travel by Coal India Ltd. andits subsidiaries' officials during the year 2001-2002 has come under severe censure of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in his report for the year 2002;

(b) is so, the comments made by the CAG in this regard; and

(c) the extent of loss to the national exchequer on account of these lapses by the CIL, as estimated by the CAG in his report?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL & MINES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW JUSTICE SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The gist of CAGs comments on the expenditure on foreign travel by officials of CIL and its subsidiaries is as under:-

Para No.	Comments
2.1.1	Excess payment of per diem allowance/daily allowance and entertainment allowance.
2.1.2	Excess payment of air port free allowance.
2.1.3	Payment of personal expenses.
2.1.4	Excess payment to DA during training period.
2.1.5	Non-rendition of accounts.
2.1.7	Adjustment of expenses incurred on visits to countries not authorised.
2.1.7	Tour without approval of the competent authority.
2.1.8	Non-submission of TA bills.

(c): As per CAG report, the estimated amount of loss is Rs. 124.02 Lakh ($ 3,14,080.72).